

Original figures 4-10 filed in the present application were erroneously duplicates of drawings which were also filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/453,907. The correct figures 4-10 for this application were omitted and, therefore, are submitted herewith.

M.P.E.P. § 2163.07 II citing In re Oda, 443 F.2d 1200, 170 USPQ 260 (CCPA 1971) states that "[a]n amendment to correct an obvious error does not constitute new matter where one skilled in the art would not only recognize the existence of error in the specification, but also the appropriate correction." Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art would recognize that original figures 4-10 are erroneous and that the new figure 4-10 submitted herewith are the appropriate correction.

The present application describes, *inter alia*, support for features associated with a subscriber in networks with a gateway location register and a visitor location register. Original figures 4-10 describe methods for gateway location register fault recovery. Although the specification describes original figures 1-3, the specification does not describe the methods illustrated in original figures 4-10. Accordingly, one skilled in the art would recognize that the inclusion of original figures 4-10, which describe methods for gateway location register fault recovery, in the application whose specification is directed to support for features associated with a subscriber in networks with a gateway location register is an obvious error.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would recognize that new figures 4-10 submitted herewith are the appropriate correction to the obvious error. The signaling illustrated in new figures 4 and 7-10 correspond to the signaling described in

the specification of the present application, i.e., new figure 4 corresponds to the description in paragraphs 7, 9 and 11; new figure 7 corresponds to the description in paragraphs 12 and 13; new figure 8 corresponds to the description in paragraphs 31 and 32; new figure 9 corresponds to the description in paragraphs 34 and 35; and new figure 10 corresponds to the description in paragraph 37. Further, the messages illustrated in new figures 5 and 6 respectively correspond to messages described in paragraphs 8 and 10 of the specification.

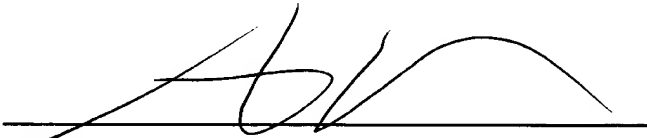
In addition, figures 4, 8, 9 and 10 were present in U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/128,786 which is incorporated by reference into the present application and from which the present application claims priority. New figure 4 corresponds to the top figure in Appendix E on page E-2; new figure 8 corresponds to the figure labeled "Figure1Solution1" in Appendix E on page E-3; new figure 9 corresponds to the figure labeled "Figure 2 Solution 2" in Appendix E on page E-4; and new figure 10 corresponds to the figure labeled "Figure 3 Solution 3" in Appendix E on page E-4.

Since one skilled in the art would recognize that original figures 4-10 are obviously erroneous and since one skilled in the art would also recognize that new figure 4-10 submitted herewith are the appropriate correction, it is respectfully submitted that new figures 4-10 submitted herewith do not constitute new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the Request For Approval To Replace Drawings submitted herewith.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 703-838-6578.

Respectfully submitted,

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